

September 9, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court in Regular Session on the above date at 9:00 AM to consider the below agenda items. Members present were: Judge McDowell, Commissioner Jackie Don May Jr, Commissioner Phillip Gaines, Commissioner David Simpson and Commissioner John Walker. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-County Clerk; Nichole Mock-County Auditor; Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Johnny Carter, Tyler Kincaid, Carrie Gaines--Sheriff and Department; Cindy Brown Tax Collector; Natalie Thomas-JP #1 and Clerk; Wendy Hatfield Hazzard-Extension Service; Rick Walden-JP #2; Ken Daughtry-Emergency Management; Braden and Karla Benson; Barry Sanders; Crystal McEntire; Clifford Oldham; Brandon Arnold; Louis Stas-Wheeler Times; Terrye Knight-County Star News; and Kimberly Morgan-Tax Appraiser.

Court was called to order by Judge McDowell and then Commissioner May Jr offered an opening prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to offer comments.

EXTENSION SERVICE UPDATE

Wendy Hazzard, Extension Agent, met with the Court to present a summary of the activities for the period from April through June 2024. No action taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Jackie don May Jr to approve the minutes from the August 2024 meetings as written. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS-August 2024

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the monthly fee reports for JP #1; JP #2; County Clerk; District Clerk; and Tax Collector. Also approved was the Claim Report from the County Treasurer covering the period of August 27, 2024 through September 5, 2024 and totaling \$76,109.44. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the compensatory time balances as of September 9, 2024 and totaling 2,018.23 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action needed.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action needed.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to approve the following budget line item transfers:

- SO- \$ 800.00 from Health Insurance to PT Wages Custodial
- BldMain \$ 2,500.00 from Agrilife Bldg exp to Telephone
- Co Atty \$ 400.00 from Supplies to Conf Training Staff
- \$ 650.00 from Equip Purchase to Conf Training Staff
- Non Dept \$ 1,033.00 from Rural VFD to Dues & Publications
- \$ 520.00 from Rural VFD to Mental Commitments
- R&B 4 \$ 5,000.00 from Fuel to Warehouse Exp
- \$ 25.00 from Fuel to Insurance Exp

Motion carried unanimously.

BURN BAN

No action taken.

JUDGES REPORT

Judge McDowell reported that he had recently attended the Legislative Conference in Austin and received information concerning unfunded mandates, lobbying, state funding for ambulance services and help for rural fire departments. Expiration of the Ecolomondo Tax Abatement and the Healthy county program was mentioned.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner May Jr reported on the recent Old Mobeetie Festival and the upcoming Sweetwater Creek Sesquicentennial event to be held on September 12, 2024 in Wheeler County.

PCT #1-CLOSING OF A ROAD PORTION IN MOBEETIE-Clampitt Street

Commissioner Jackie Don May Jr presented information to the Court concerning the need to close a one (1) block portion of Clampitt Street between the south extension of the City Limits west to Court Street. He then made a motion to start the process and notification for the closing of the street. His motion was seconded by Phillip Gaines. Motion carried unanimously.

PCT #1-CLOSING OF ALLEY IN BLOCK A-MOBEETIE

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to close the alley in Block A between lots 1-13 and lots 14-26. Motion carried unanimously.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF SHAMROCK-LAW ENFORCEMENT

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Shamrock and Wheeler County. The term will begin October 1, 2024 until September 30, 2025 with one year extension permitted. The annual cost will be \$55,000.00, to be paid in twelve equal monthly payments. Motion carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ARPA FUNDS-Road and Bridge Use of Balance for Road Materials

10/1/2024-9/30/26-Permission Sought

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to grant creation of a Memorandum of Understanding for ARPA Fund balance to be used by the Road and Bridge department for road materials for the term of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-LAURA SUAREZ REMOVED FROM PAYROLL, EFFECTIVE August 26, 2024

At the request of Sheriff Carter, Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to remove Laura Suarez from the payroll, effective August 26, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-BRYSON RICH ADDED TO PAYROLL, PART TIME, Effective September 16, 2024-\$17.99 hourly

At the request of Sheriff Carter, David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to add Bryson Rich to the payroll as a part time jailer/dispatcher, effective ^{September} 16, 2024 with a salary of \$17.99 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Jackie don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the bills for payment and pay accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Nonneeded.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

PAT MCDOWELL, COUNTY JUDGE

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: _____

September 9, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Special Session on the above date at 1:00 PM at the Shelton Ranch, Mobeetie, Texas. Members present were Judge McDowell, Commissioner Jackie Don May Jr, Commissioner Phillip Gaines, Commissioner David Simpson and Commissioner John Walker.

No business items were on agenda. This was a community event recognizing the Battle of Sweetwater Creek Sesquicentennial on the Shelton Ranch.

PAT MCDOWELL, COUNTY JUDGE

MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: _____